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SUBJECT: US-JAPAN AGREEMENT ON ENERGY R&D - OHIRA VISIT

SUMMARY: (A) FONOFF ADVISED EMBASSY, WITH SOME EMBARRASSMENT, THAT FOREIGN MINISTER UNABLE TO SIGN ENERGY R&D AGREEMENT MAY 20 OR 21. TEN DAYS TIME REQUIRED SUBSEQUENT TO USG AGREEMENT ON JAPANESE TEXT TO OBTAIN CABINET APPROVAL. (B) FONOFF REQUESTS USG DELAY NOTIFICATION OF EUROPEAN MEMBERS OF ECG'S COMMITTEE ON R&D ABOUT US-JAPAN AGREEMENT SO THAT IT CAN FIRST INFORM OTHER GOJ AGENCIES. C) FONOFF WILL SEEK MOT APPROVAL FOR PROPOSED NEW WORDING ON QTE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS UNQTE BUT IT UNLIKELY USG WILL HAVE TO SETTLE FOR QTE A PROPULSION SYSTEM UNQTE.

1. IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL E/C COUNS CALLED ON UDAGAWA AND KATAKURA (HEAD AND DEPUTY HEAD, RESPECTIVELY, INTERNATIONAL RESOURCES DIVISION, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS BUREAU, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FONOFF) MAY 16 TO ATTEMPT TO WRAP UP TEXT OF

R&D AGREEMENT AND EXPLORE POSSIBILITY FOR SIGNATURE BY THE SECRETARY AND FOREIGN MINISTER MAY 20 OR 21. FONOFF OFFICIALS ADVISED E/C COUNS WITH CONSIDERABLE EMBARRASSENT THAT IT NOT ABLE OBTAIN NECESSARY CLEARANCES IN TIME TO ARRANGE FOR SIGNATURE MAY 20 OR 21, AND IN FACT THIS WAS APPARENTLY NOT EVEN POSSIBLE AT TIME ORIGINAL SUGGESTION MADE (TOKYO 6124). ACCORDING TO FONOFF OFFICIALS, FOLLOWING AGREEMENT ON ENGLISH TEXT, GOJ REQUIRES USG CONCURRENCE WITH JAPANESE TEXT. ONCE THIS OBTAINED, APPROXIMATELY TEN DAYS REQUIRED TO OBTAIN CABINET APPROVAL FOR SIGNATURE BY GOJ REP. ACCORDINGLY, IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR GOJ TO SIGN AGREEMENT BEFORE LATE MAY.

2. WITH RESPECT TO USG INTENTION TO NOTIFY EUROPEAN MEMBERS OF ECG'S COMMITTEE ON R&D (PARA 2 REFTTEL), FONOFF REQUESTS THAT USG POSTPONE SUCH ACTION FOR A FEW DAYS SO THAT IT MAY FIRST INFORM INTERESTED GOJ AGENCIES. GOJ DOES NOT, HOWEVER, EXPECT THAT GOJ AGENCIES WILL RAISE ANY OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED USG NOTIFICATION PRIOR TO SIGNATURE OF AGREEMENT.

3. IN DISCUSSION OF TRANSPORTATION ITEM IN ARTICLE III OF TEXT, FONOFF REPS INDICATED THAT STRONG OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED WORDING QTE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS UNQTE HAD BEEN RAISED BY MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT (MOT) WHICH CONCERNED OVER POSSIBLE CONFLICT BETWEEN ENERGY R&D ACTIVITIES UNDER THIS AGREEMENT AND THOSE OF US-JAPAN TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH PANEL. WHILE THESE OBJECTIONS NOT SPELLED OUT MORE SPECIFICALLY, FONOFF REPS LEFT IMPRESSION THAT MOT HAS FULL CONTROL OVER JAPANESE PARTICIPATION IN RESEARCH PANEL BUT FEARS IT MIGHT NOT MAINTAIN SAME CONTROL WITH RESPECT TO THIS AGREEMENT. AT CONCLUSION OF LENGTHY DISCUSSION FONOFF REPS AGREED TO SEEK MOT AGREEMENT TO QTE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS AS THESE PERTAIN TO EFFICIENT UTILIZATION OR CONVERSION OF ENERGY UNQTE OR SIMILAR WORDING. SINCE TIME PRESSURES NO LONGER EXIST, E/C COUNS DID NOT AGREED TO QTE ADVANCED PROPULSION SYSTEMS UNQTE AT MAY 16 SESSION. HOWEVER, IT SEEMS LIKELY, BASED ON FONOFF REPS' REMARKS, THAT MOT WILL TURN DOWN NEW PROPOSED US WORDING WITHIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NEXT DAY OR SO. IN THAT CASE, EMBASSY WILL AGREE TO QTE ADVANCED PROPULSION SYSTEMS UNQTE.
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